

AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY®

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Dear Senator Vitter and Representative Bishop,

On behalf of more than 1.7 million Americans for Prosperity activists in all 50 states, I applaud you for introducing the Three-D, Domestic Jobs, Domestic Energy, and Deficit Reduction Act of 2011. Our economy is still recovering, and this bill will give American companies the much-needed opportunity to create jobs and boost our economy.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar and the rest of the Obama administration have burdened energy companies and directly blocked growth with obstructionist judicial actions. Salazar was even held in contempt of court for his actions blocking permits in the Gulf of Mexico. This administration has crippled one of the nation's most important industries, resulting in thousands of lost jobs, ballooning gas prices, and a prolonged dependence on foreign oil. The administration must not be allowed to stand in the way of our economic recovery.

The 3-D Act would both prevent the administration from continuing to stifle energy markets and it would encourage our recovery. By directing the Secretary of the Interior to begin lease sales in the OCS and ANWR, this bill opens up our country's natural resources for exploration and development. This will create an estimated 1.9 million jobs and trillions of dollars in sustained economic growth and federal revenues. The Act also directs the government to administer these sales in an environmentally conscious way. Finally, it establishes a trust fund so that renewable energy sources may be explored through money earned by American industry and ingenuity.

The administration must also not be allowed to stifle economic growth through excessive regulation. With that in mind, the 3-D Act rightly reins in federal agencies that promote an activist agenda through distortions of existing statutes. Thus, carbon regulation under the Endangered Species Act and the Clean Air Act will be expressly prohibited. The Act also calls on the EPA to respect its existing statutory obligations by insisting on economic impact analysis of new rules under the Clean Air Act, a duty it has been ignoring.

AFP is proud to support your legislation, and I urge your colleagues to support its passage. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,



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Americans for Prosperity

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